



Amendments to the Claims

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication device destined for operation in a particular wireless network, comprising:
 - a transceiver for communicating in the wireless network;
 - a processor for controlling operations of the transceiver based on initial configuration information including network communication parameters corresponding to this particular wireless network;
 - a passive tag for wirelessly receiving the initial configuration information from an external source and storing the initial configuration information in a non-volatile memory at a time when the wireless communication device is otherwise in a non-operational mode; and
 - an interface for enabling the processor to access the initial configuration information stored in the memory when the wireless communication device is in an operational mode and thereby allowing operation in the wireless network by drawing upon the initial configuration information,wherein the wireless communication device is non-operational by virtue of being unassembled.
9. (Cancelled)
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15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A method for use in relation to a wireless communication device destined for operation in a particular network, the device including a transceiver for communicating in the wireless network, a processor for controlling operations of the transceiver based on initial configuration information including network communication parameters corresponding to this particular wireless network, and a passive tag, the method comprising the step of:

transmitting the initial configuration information from a source external to the wireless communication device so as to be received by the passive tag and stored in a non-volatile memory within the passive tag while the wireless communication device is otherwise in a non-operational mode;

interfacing the processor with passive tag to access the initial configuration information stored in the memory when the wireless device is in an operational mode; and

operating in the wireless network by drawing upon the initial configuration information,

wherein the wireless communication device is non-operational by virtue of being unassembled.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of initially configuring a the wireless communication device of claim 4 destined for operation in a particular wireless network, the device comprising a transceiver for communicating in the wireless network, a processor for controlling operations of the transceiver based on initial configuration information including network communication parameters corresponding to this

particular wireless network, a passive tag for wirelessly receiving the initial configuration information from an external source and storing the initial configuration information in a non-volatile memory at a time when the wireless communication device is otherwise in a non-operational mode, and an interface for enabling the processor to access the initial configuration information stored in the memory when the wireless communication device is in an operational mode and thereby allowing operation in the wireless network by drawing upon the initial configuration information; said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting the initial configuration information from a source external to the wireless communication device;

receiving the initial configuration information by the passive tag and storing the initial configuration information in the non-volatile memory;

accessing the initial configuration information stored in the memory; and
controlling operations of the transceiver based on the initial configuration information,

wherein the wireless communication device is unassembled during the transmitting and receiving steps.

20. (Cancelled)

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23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A method of configuring and operating a wireless communication device for a particular wireless network, said method comprising:

manufacturing a plurality of wireless communication devices and storing them in an inventory, each of the devices having a transceiver for communicating in a wireless network, a processor, and a passive tag;

retrieving one of the wireless communication devices from the inventory when a request is received and the particular wireless network has been identified;

conveying initial configuration information to the passive tag of the retrieved wireless communication device, wherein the initial configuration information includes network communication parameters corresponding to said particular wireless network;

storing the conveyed initial configuration information in a non-volatile memory;

interfacing the processor of the retrieved wireless communication device with its passive tag to access the initial configuration information stored in the memory; and

controlling operation of the transceiver of the retrieved wireless communication device based upon the initial configuration information,

wherein the wireless communication devices stored in the inventory are not fully assembled, and wherein the conveying and storing steps are performed while the retrieved wireless communication device is not fully assembled.

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41. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication device destined for operation in a particular wireless network, comprising:
a transceiver for communicating in the wireless network;
a processor for controlling operations of the transceiver;
a passive tag for receiving the initial configuration information from an external source and storing the initial configuration information in a non-volatile memory at a time when the wireless communication device is otherwise in a non-operational mode, wherein the initial configuration comprises information necessary to locate and communicate with a certain server in order to download certain software therefrom; and
an interface for enabling the processor to access the initial configuration information stored in the memory when the wireless communication device is in an operational mode;
wherein the processor is programmed to locate and communicate with the server via the initial configuration information and to direct downloading of said software from the server, thereby allowing operation in the wireless network by drawing upon the downloaded software,
wherein the wireless communication device is non-operational by virtue of being unassembled.

42. (Cancelled)

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49. (Cancelled)

50. (Previously Presented) A method of configuring and operating a wireless communication device in a particular wireless network, said method comprising:

manufacturing a plurality of wireless communication devices and storing them in an inventory, each of the devices having a transceiver for communicating in a wireless network, a processor, and a passive tag;

retrieving one of the wireless communication devices from the inventory when a request is received and the particular wireless network has been determined;

conveying initial configuration information to the passive tag of the retrieved wireless communication device, wherein the initial configuration information includes data necessary to locate and communicate with a selected server;

storing the conveyed initial configuration information in a non-volatile memory, interfacing the processor of the retrieved wireless communication device with its passive tag to access the initial configuration information stored in the memory so that the processor can locate the selected server;

communicating with the server, via the processor, and downloading a software package to the processor; and

controlling operation of the transceiver of the retrieved wireless communication device based upon the downloaded package,

wherein the wireless communication devices stored in the inventory are not fully assembled, and wherein the conveying and storing steps are performed while the retrieved wireless communication device is not fully assembled.

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